

Approved Minutes  
August 9, 2012  
The Compass School Council  
The Compass School  
537 Old North Road  
Kingston, RI

**Call to order:** Elizabeth Allen, Council President, calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**Roll Call of Members Present:** Elizabeth Allen (EA), Dina Mandeville (DM), Shannon Alves (SA), Michelle Clifford (MC), Cyrus Beasley (CB), Marisa Gallagher (MG),

**Absent:** Drew Virbila (DV), Rick Rhodes (RR)

**Also Present:** Allen Zipke – Director, Matt Plain

**Approval of minutes:** June minutes to be approved at next meeting

**Committee Reports** (Consent Agenda)

*AZ announces that the Director's Report will be excluded from the consent agenda.*

**Co-Op – No report**

**Development/Treasurers - Submitted**

Treasurer/Development Committee Report 8/9/12

- Treasurer Report
  1. Bank Statements and financials in compliance with covenants.
  2. Sue working with auditors to close the year.
  3. Looking into CD options for money market cash balance. Waiting to review with new business manager.
  4. Helping to rollout before/after school program – created first draft handbook, brochure, forms, and budget. Michelle Clifford working on submitting application.
- Development Committee update:
  1. Celebration of Local Foods – Save the date November 3, 2012
  2. First Development Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Updated the Compass School website with videos and “what’s happening” with current data including RIDE reports.

**Director – Director's Report is excluded from the consent agenda**

**Learning/Teachers – No report**

## **Physical Environment /Site –Submitted**

Policy – Submitted

Policy Committee Report August 9, 2012

The “Policy Development Guidance,” a policy that describes the process for developing new policies and reviewing existing policies, was adopted by council on October 2, 2006. A revised version of this policy was sent out to the Compass School Community on July 6, 2012 for feedback and subsequent revisions. This draft policy will remain open to public comment until September 6, 2012.

The Compass School Community has submitted some feedback and proposed changes to this draft policy. Council will vote on proposed changes at the September council meeting.

Wellness – No report

*EA motions to approve the Consent Agenda*

Hilary Seconds

In favor: 6      Opposed: 0      Abstain: 0

Reports are accepted.

## **Director’s Report**

Sue Crotty has resigned as business manager.

*EA motions to approve hiring Kaleena Harrington as business manager.*

HF Seconds

In favor: 6      Opposed: 0      Abstain: 0

Todd Allegretto has resigned as Explorer Teacher Assistant.

*DM motions to approve hiring Renee Kenyon as Explorer Teacher Assistant*

EA Seconds

In favor: 6      Opposed: 0      Abstain: 0

## **Requests from community for agenda items and comments**

### **Council goal-setting retreat: Review/discuss goals from retreat (all)**

EA is developing a spread sheet that will map out the retreat goals.

Council meetings will be the second Wednesday of every month this year. EA will send out a notice to the community announcing our meetings for the year.

**Land Use Sub-committee:** Update on progress (CB)

We are in a holding pattern but there will be more to update on next month

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**Executive session:** Matters pertaining to litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. sec. 42-46-5(a)(2)

*EA motions to move into executive session*

HF Seconds

In favor: 6      Opposed: 0      Abstain: 0

Enter Executive session at 6:30 pm

Return to open session at 6:55

Voted on during the closed session:

*MC motions to ratify Mediated Memorandum of Understanding between Chariho Regional School District & The Compass School*

In Favor: 6      Opposed: 0      Abstain: 0

**Announcements:** No announcements

EA adjourns the meeting at 7:00 pm